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Mr. John O. Marsh, Jr.  
Counsellor to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. Marsh: *Jack -*

I am forwarding you a copy of my letter to OMB urging immediate clearance for transmittal to the Congress of our intelligence sources and methods legislation, now that all differences with the Department of Justice have been resolved.

In addition, the problems confronting this nation in protecting the identity of our intelligence officers and sources have been brought to the attention of the public as the result of the tragic death of Mr. Richard Welch in Athens. This, together with the need to deter irresponsible disclosures, strongly recommends the incorporation of the legislation in the President's 1976 legislative program and the State of the Union Address.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bill  
W. E. Colby  
Director

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